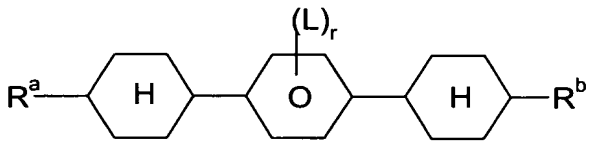
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium, comprising two or more liquid crystal compounds wherein at least one compound is of formula I



I

wherein

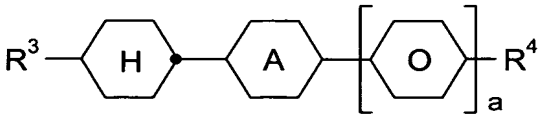
R^a is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

R^b is alkenyl with 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

L is, in each occurrence independently, F, Cl, CN or an optionally mono- or polyhalogenated alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkenyloxy group having up to 3 carbon atoms, and

r is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

said mixture further comprises at least one compound of the formula



in which

A is 1,4-phenylene or trans-1,4-cyclohexylene,

a is 0 or 1,

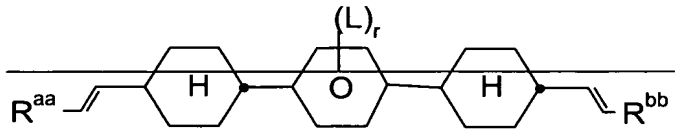
R^3 is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms, and

R^4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another.

2. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium comprises at least one compound of formula I in which the phenyl ring is substituted by L in 2- and 3-position or in 3- and 5-position or in 2- and 6-position.

3. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium comprises at least one compound of formula I wherein L is F, Cl, CN, CF_3, OCF_3 or OCH_3.

4. (Currently Amended): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium <u>further</u> comprises at least one compound ~~of formula I~~ selected from the following formulae



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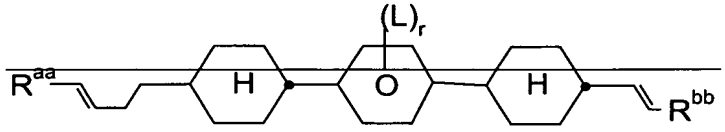

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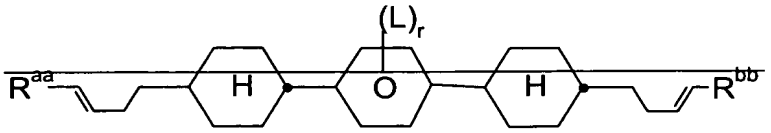

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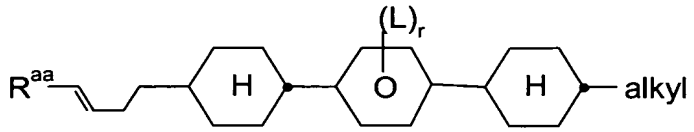

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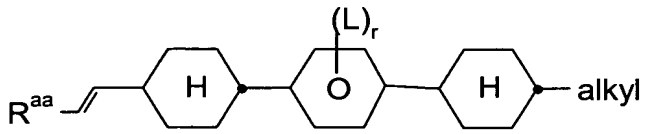
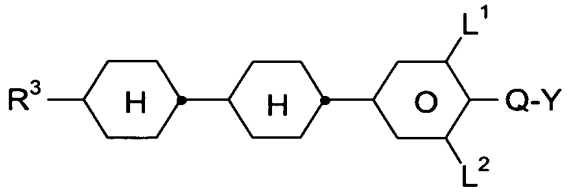


Ie

wherein R^{aa} is ~~and R^{bb} are independently of each other~~ H, CH_3, C_2H_5 or n-C_3H_7 and alkyl is an alkyl group with 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

5. (Cancelled):

6. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium further comprises at least one compound of formula II*



II*

wherein

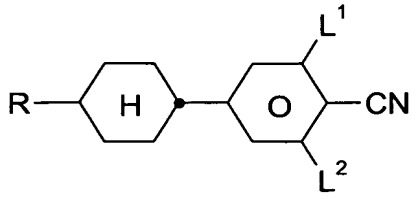
R^3 is an alkenyl group with 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

Q is CF_2, OCF_2, CFH, OCFH or a single bond,

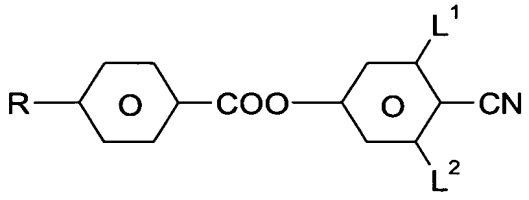
Y is F or Cl, and

L^1 and L^2 are independently of each other H or F.

7. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium further comprises at least one compound selected from the following formulae



IIIb



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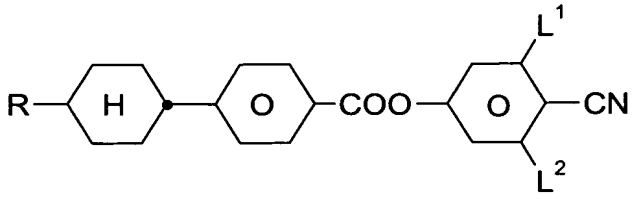


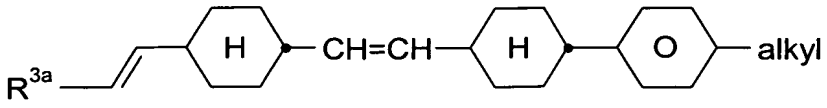
IIIf

wherein

R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another, and

L^1 and L^2 are independently of each other H or F.

8. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium further comprises at least one compound selected from the following formulae



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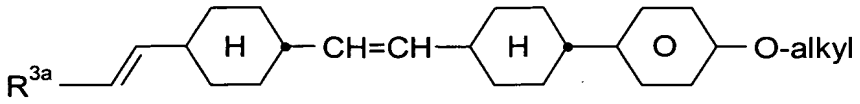
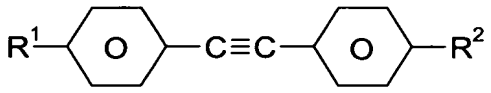


IV24b

wherein R^{3a} is H, CH_3, C_2H_5 or n-C_3H_7 and alkyl is an alkyl group with 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

9. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium further comprises at least one compound selected from the following formulae



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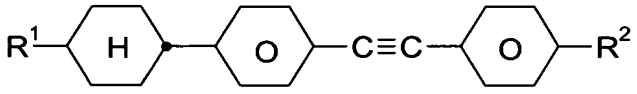

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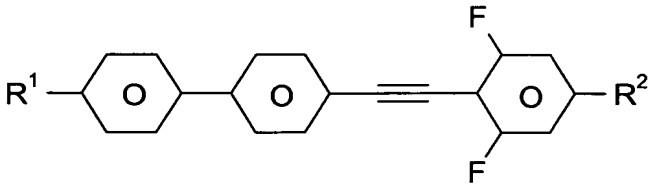

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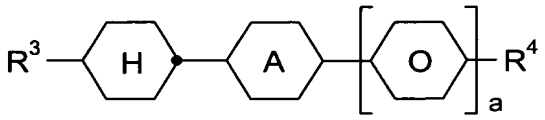
wherein

R^1 and R^2 are independently of each other an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each , independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another.

10. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium comprises:

- one or more compounds of formula I;
- one or more compounds selected from formulae II,



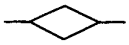
II

in which

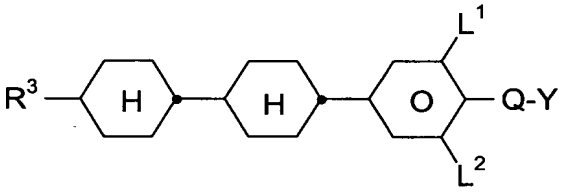
A is 1,4-phenylene or trans-1,4-cyclohexylene,

a is 0 or 1,

R^3 is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms, and

R^4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

- optionally one or more compounds of formula II*,



II*

wherein

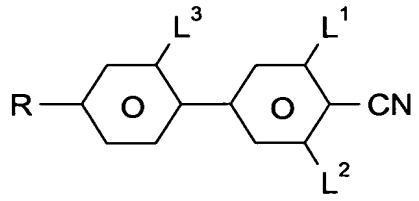
R^3 is an alkenyl group with 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

Q is CF_2, OCF_2, CFH, OCFH or a single bond,

Y is F or Cl, and

L^1 and L^2 are independently of each other H or F;

- one or more compounds selected from formulae IIIa-IIIh,



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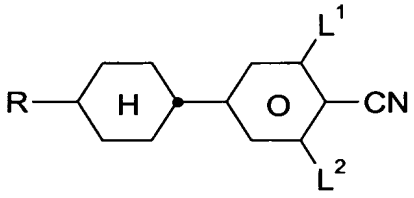

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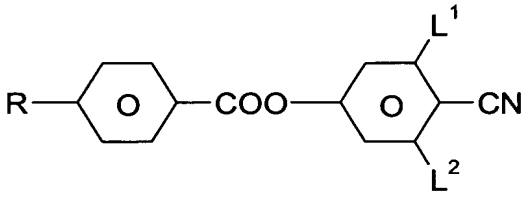

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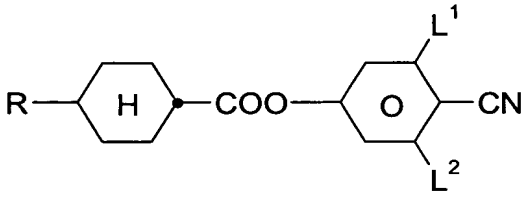

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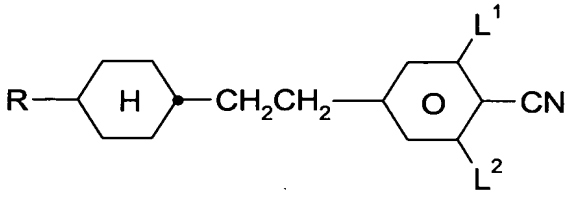

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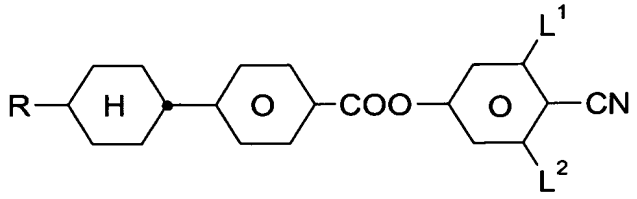

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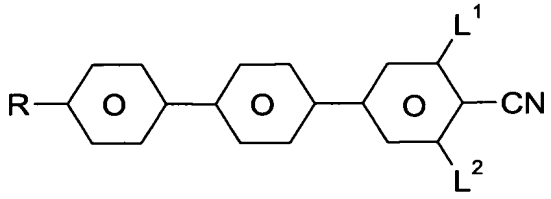

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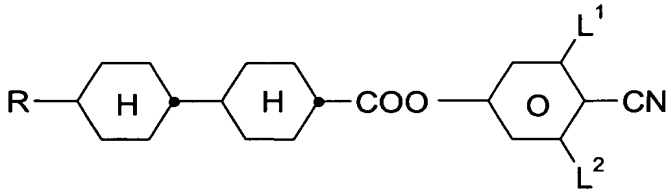


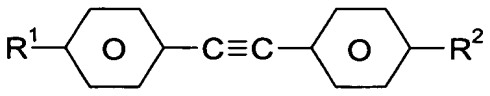
IIIh

wherein

R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each , independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another, and

L^1, L^2 and L^3 are independently of each other H or F;

- one or more compounds selected of formulae Ta-Ti,



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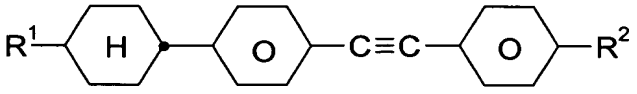

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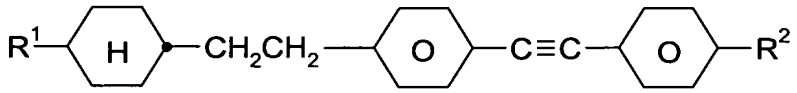

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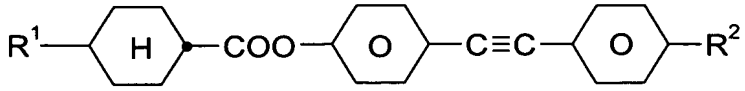

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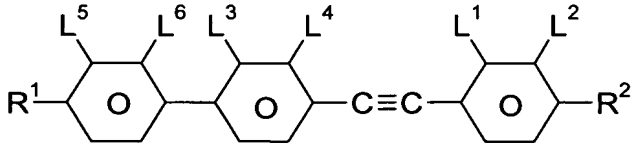

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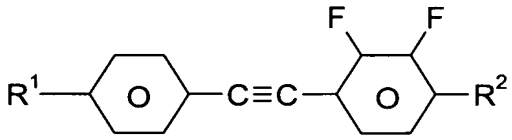

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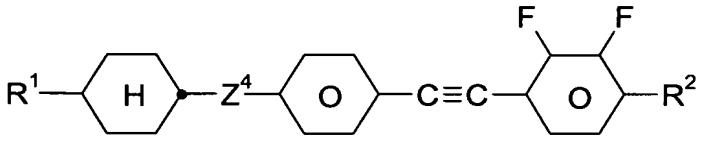

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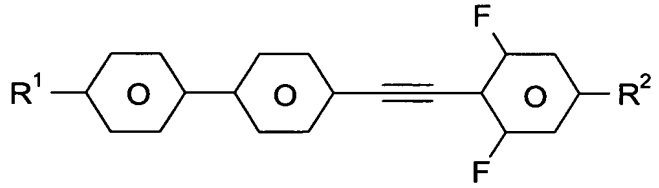

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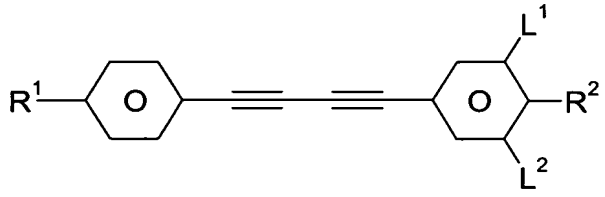


Ti

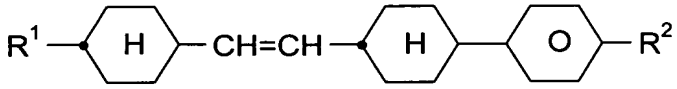
wherein

R^1 and R^2 are independently of each other an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

Z^4 is -CO-O-, $-CH_2CH_2-$ or a single bond, and

L^1 to L^6 are independently of each other H or F; and

- optionally one or more compounds of formula IV24



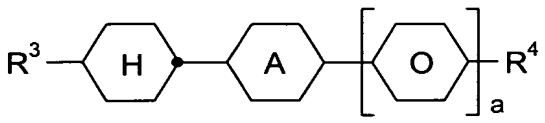
IV24

wherein

R^1 and R^2 are independently of each other an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each , independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another

11. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium comprises

- 5 to 30 % of compounds of formula I;
- 10 to 50 % of compounds selected from formula II and II*,



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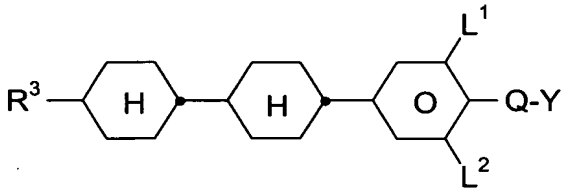


II*

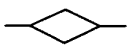
in which

A is 1,4-phenylene or trans-1,4-cyclohexylene,

a is 0 or 1,

R^3 in formula II is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

R^3 in formula II* is an alkenyl group with 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

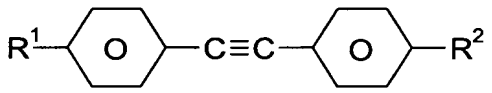
R^4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

Q is CF_2, OCF_2, CFH, OCFH or a single bond,

Y is F or Cl, and

L^1 and L^2 are independently of each other H or F;

- 7 to 45 % of compounds selected formula Ta, Tb and Th,



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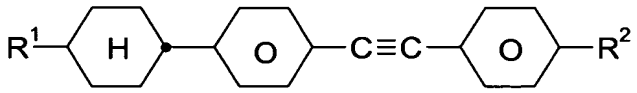

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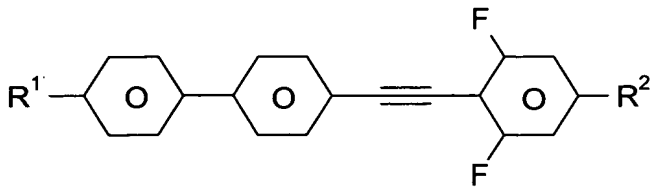

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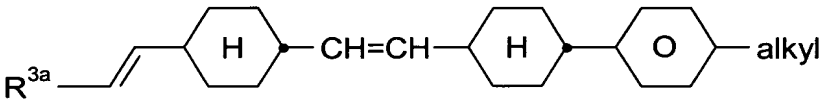
wherein

R^1 and $R^2$are independently of each other an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

- 2 to 25 % of compounds selected from formula IV24a and IV24b,



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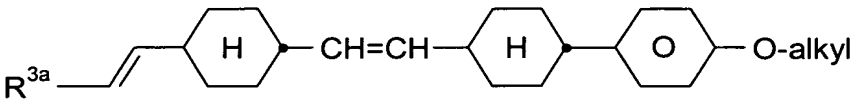
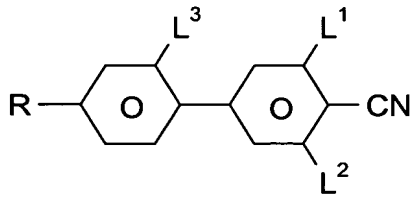


IV24b

wherein R^{3a} is H, CH_3, C_2H_5 or n-C_3H_7 and alkyl is an alkyl group with 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and

- 8 to 40 % of compounds selected from formulae IIIa to IIIh



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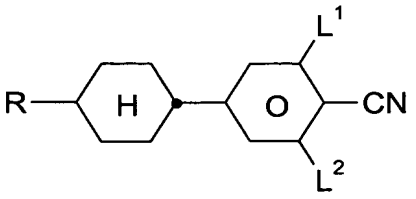

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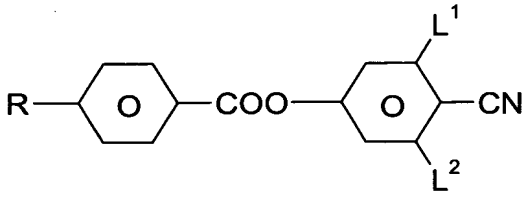

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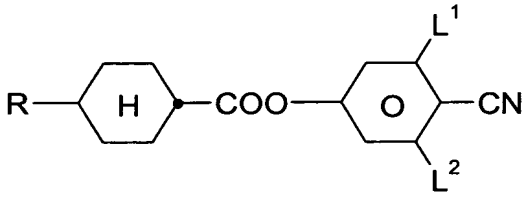

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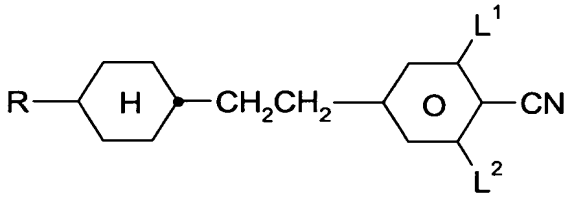

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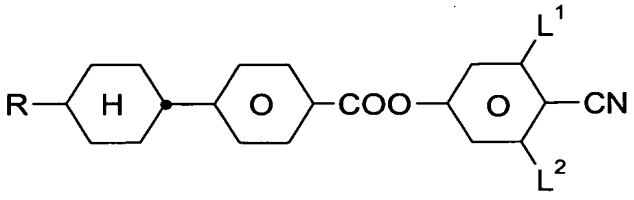

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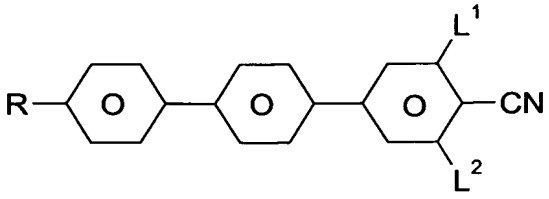

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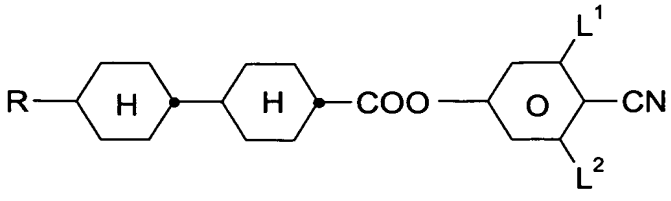


IIIh

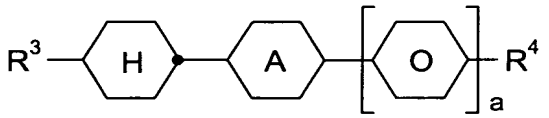
wherein

R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each , independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another, and

L^1, L^2 and L^3 are independently of each other H or F.

12. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium comprises

- 6 to 20 % of compounds of formula I;
- 10 to 40 % of compounds selected from formula II and II*,



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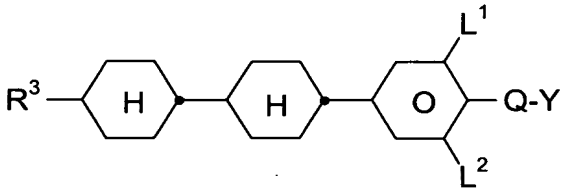


II*

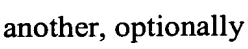
in which

A is 1,4-phenylene or trans-1,4-cyclohexylene,

a is 0 or 1,

R^3 in formula II is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

R^3 in formula II* is an alkenyl group with 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

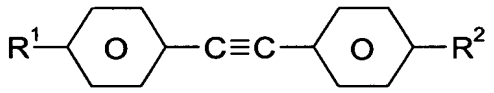
R^4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

Q is CF_2, OCF_2, CFH, OCFH or a single bond,

Y is F or Cl, and

L^1 and L^2 are independently of each other H or F;

- 10 to 30 % of compounds selected formula Ta, Tb and Th,



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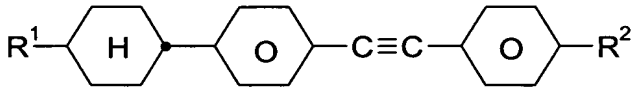

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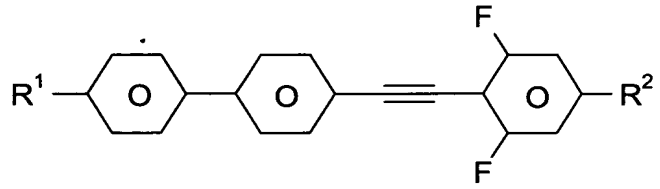


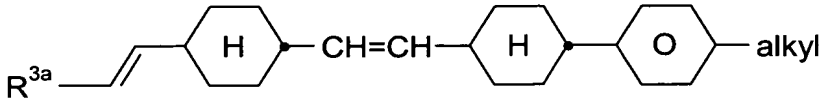
Th

wherein

R^1 and R^2 are independently of each other an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each , independently of one another,

optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

- 3 to 20 % of compounds selected from formula IV24a and IV24b,



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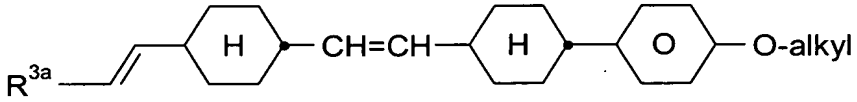
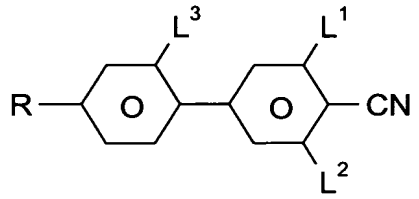


IV24b

wherein R^{3a} is H, CH_3, C_2H_5 or n-C_3H_7 and alkyl is an alkyl group with 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and

- 10 to 30 % of compounds selected from formulae IIIa to IIIh



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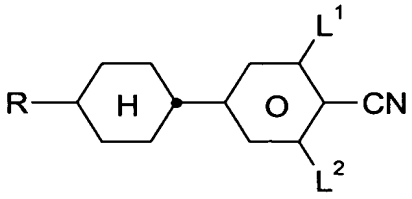

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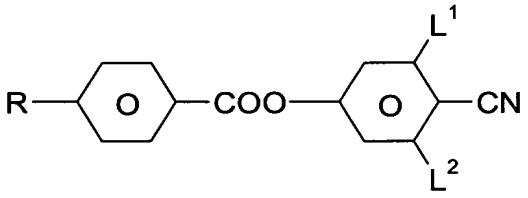

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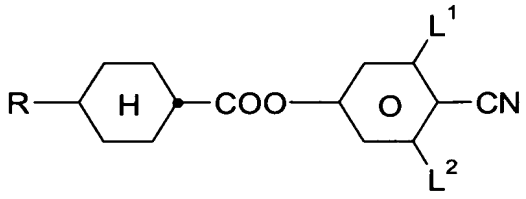

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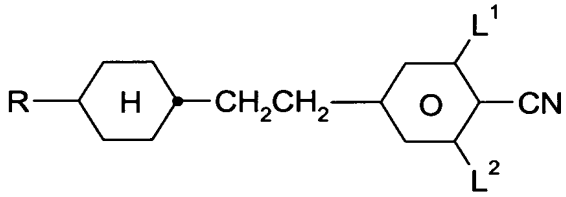

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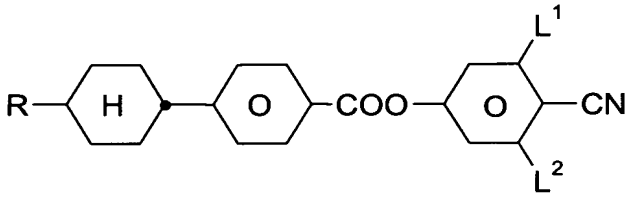

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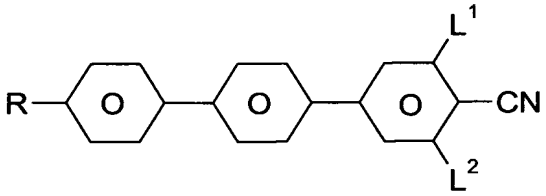

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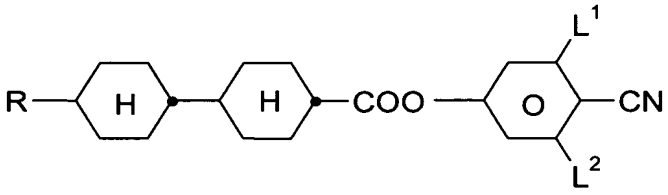


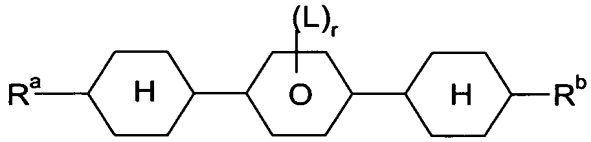
IIIh

wherein

R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each , independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another, and

L^1, L^2 and L^3 are independently of each other H or F.

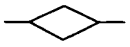
13. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline compound of formula I



I

wherein

R^a is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

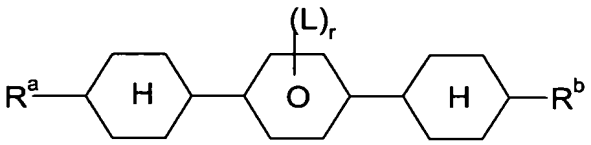
R^b is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

L is, in each occurrence independently, F, Cl, CN or a mono- or polyhalogenated alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkenyloxy group having up to 3 carbon atoms, and

r is 2,

wherein the phenyl ring is substituted by L in 3- and 5-position.

14. (Currently Amended): A liquid-crystalline compound of formula I



I

wherein

R^a is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

R^b is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

L is F, Cl, CN, CF_3, OCF_3 or OCH_3, and

r is ~~0, 1,~~ 2, 3 or 4,

wherein the phenyl ring is substituted by L in at least the 3- and 5-positions.

15. (Previously Presented): An electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1.

16. (Previously Presented): An electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid-crystalline compound according to claim 13.

17. (Previously Presented): A TN or STN liquid-crystal display comprising:

– two outer plates, which, together with a frame, form a cell,

– a nematic liquid-crystal mixture of positive dielectric anisotropy located in the cell,

– electrode layers with alignment layers on the insides of the outer plates,

– a tilt angle between the longitudinal axis of the molecules at the surface of the outer plates and the outer plates of 0 to 30 degrees, and

– a twist angle of the liquid-crystal mixture in the cell from alignment layer to alignment layer with a value of 22.5° - 600°, and

– a nematic liquid-crystal mixture comprising

a) 15 – 75% by weight of a liquid-crystalline component A consisting of one or more compounds having a dielectric anisotropy of greater than +1.5;

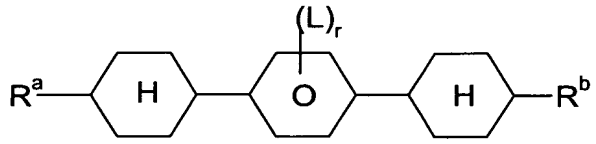
b) 25 – 85% by weight of a liquid-crystalline component B consisting of one or more compounds having a dielectric anisotropy of between -1.5 and +1.5;

c) 0 – 20% by weight of a liquid-crystalline component D consisting of one or more compounds having a dielectric anisotropy of below -1.5, and

d) if desired, an optically active component C in such an amount that the ratio between the layer thickness and the natural pitch of the chiral nematic liquid-crystal mixture is from about 0.2 to 1.3,

wherein said nematic liquid-crystal mixture is as defined in claim 1.

18. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium comprising two or more liquid crystal compounds wherein at least one compound is of formula I



I

wherein

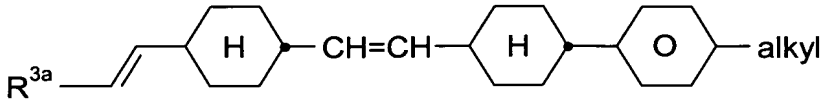
R^a is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

R^b is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

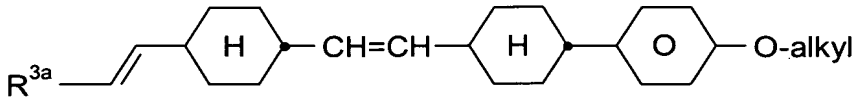
L is, in each occurrence independently, F, Cl, CN or an optionally mono- or polyhalogenated alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkenyloxy group having up to 3 carbon atoms, and

r is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

said medium further comprises at least one compound selected from the following formulae



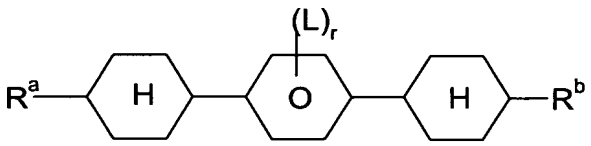
IV24a



IV24b

wherein R^{3a} is H, CH_3, C_2H_5 or n-C_3H_7 and alkyl is an alkyl group with 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

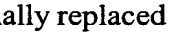
19. (Currently Amended): A liquid-crystalline medium comprising: ~~two or more liquid crystal compounds wherein~~
at least one compound is of formula I



I

wherein

R^a is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

R^b is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked

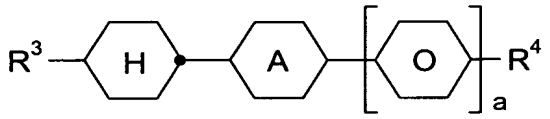
directly to one another,

L is, in each occurrence independently, F, Cl, CN or an optionally mono- or polyhalogenated alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkenyloxy group having up to 3 carbon atoms, and

r is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

wherein said medium comprises 5 to 30 % of compounds of formula I;

said medium further comprising 10 to 50 % of compounds selected from formula II and II*,



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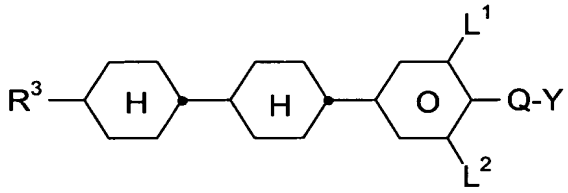


II*

wherein

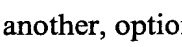
A is 1,4-phenylene or trans-1,4-cyclohexylene,

a is 0 or 1,

R^3 in formula II is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

R^3 in formula II* is an alkenyl group with 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

R^4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more

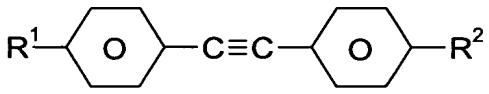
CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

Q is CF_2, OCF_2, CFH, OCFH or a single bond,

Y is F or Cl, and

L^1 and L^2 are independently of each other H or F;

said medium further comprises 7 to 45 % of compounds selected formula Ta, Tb and Th,



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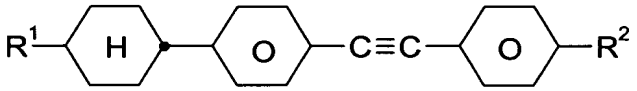

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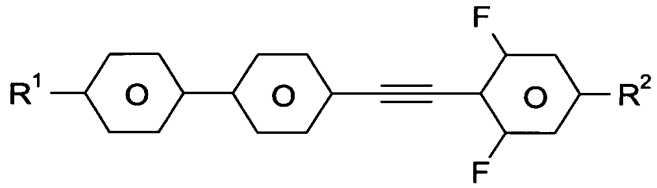
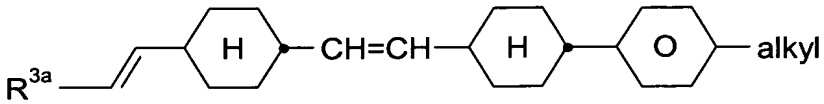


Th

wherein

R^1 and R^2 are independently of each other an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

said medium further comprises 2 to 25 % of compounds selected from formula IV24a and IV24b,



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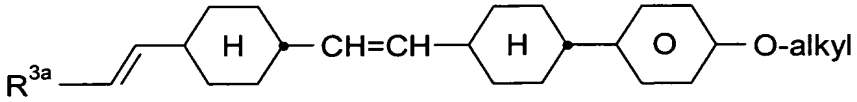
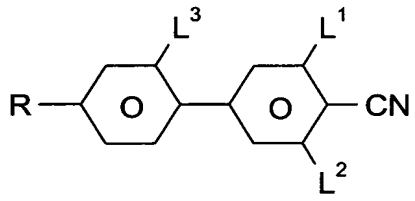


IV24b

wherein R^{3a} is H, CH_3, C_2H_5 or n-C_3H_7 and alkyl is an alkyl group with 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and

said medium further comprises 8 to 40 % of compounds selected from formulae IIIa to IIIh



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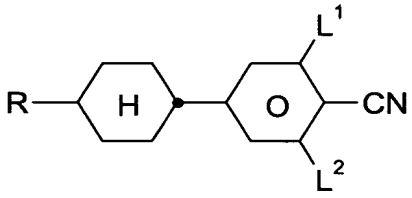

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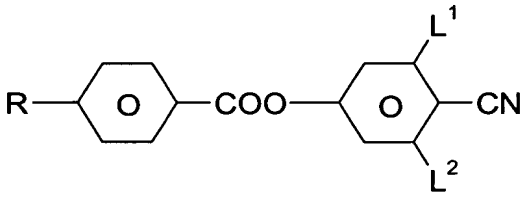

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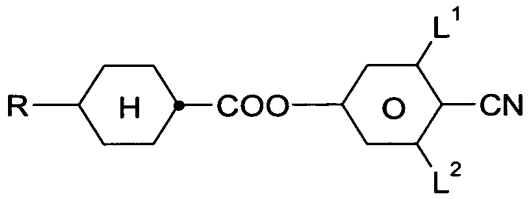

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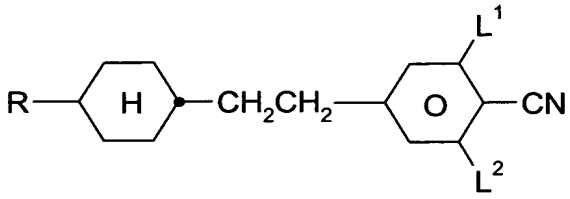

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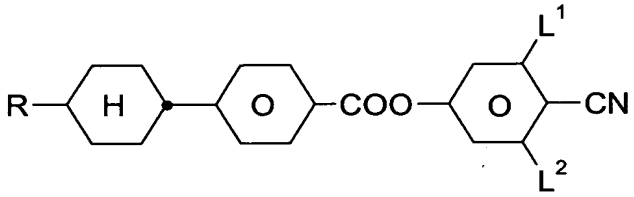

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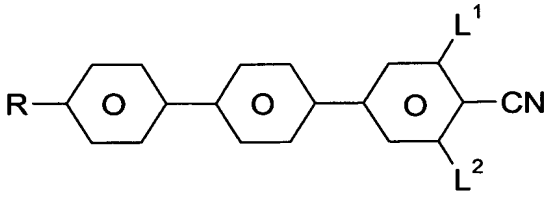

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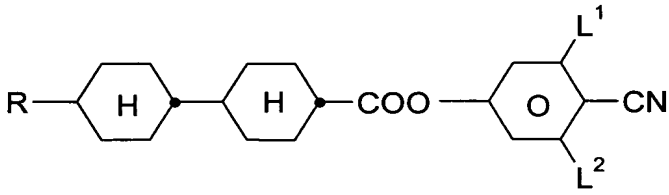


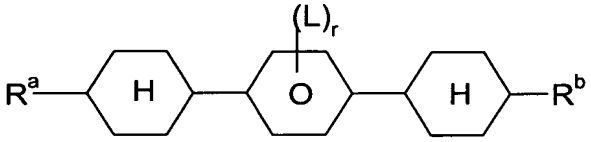
IIIh

wherein

R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each , independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another, and

L^1, L^2 and L^3 are independently of each other H or F.

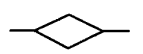
20. (Currently Amended): A liquid-crystalline medium comprising: ~~two or more liquid crystal compounds wherein~~
at least one compound is of formula I



I

wherein

R^a is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

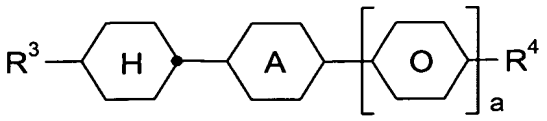
R^b is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

L is, in each occurrence independently, F, Cl, CN or an optionally mono- or polyhalogenated alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkenyloxy group having up to 3 carbon atoms, and

r is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

wherein said medium comprises 6 to 20 % of compounds of formula I;

said medium further comprising 10 to 40 % of compounds selected from formula II and II*,



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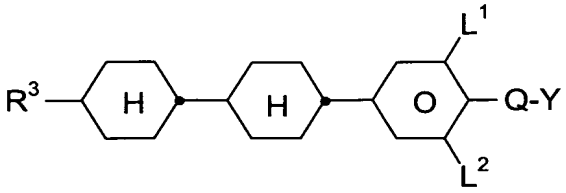


II*

in which

A is 1,4-phenylene or trans-1,4-cyclohexylene,

a is 0 or 1,

R^3 in formula II is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

R^3 in formula II* is an alkenyl group with 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

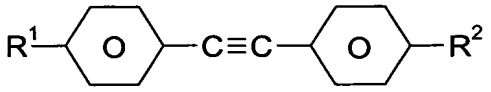
R^4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

Q is CF_2, OCF_2, CFH, OCFH or a single bond,

Y is F or Cl, and

L^1 and L^2 are independently of each other H or F;

said medium further comprising 10 to 30 % of compounds selected formula Ta, Tb and Th,



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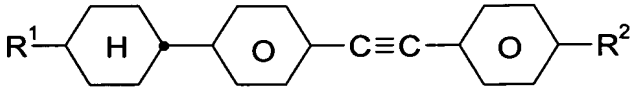

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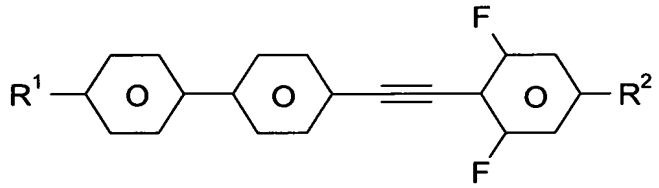
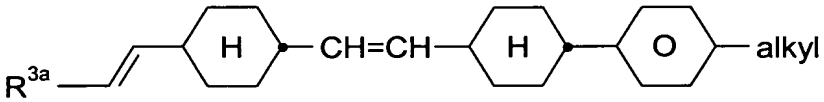


Th

wherein

R^1 and R^2 are independently of each other an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each , independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

said medium further comprising 3 to 20 % of compounds selected from formula IV24a and IV24b,



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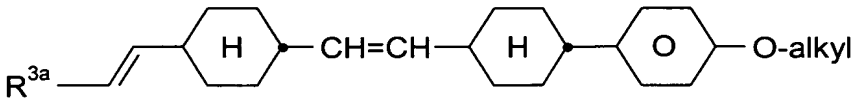
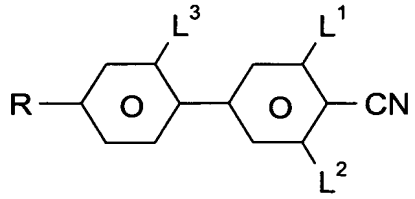


IV24b

wherein R^{3a} is H, CH_3, C_2H_5 or n-C_3H_7 and alkyl is an alkyl group with 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and

said medium further comprising 10 to 30 % of compounds selected from formulae IIIa

to IIIh



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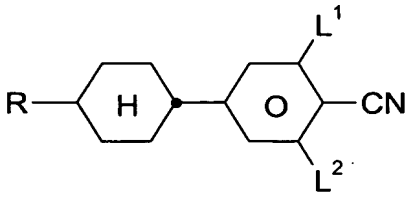

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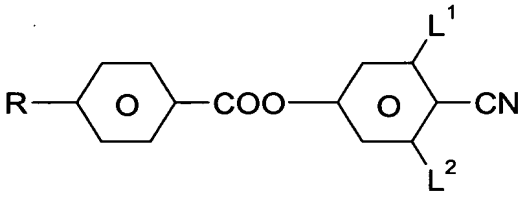

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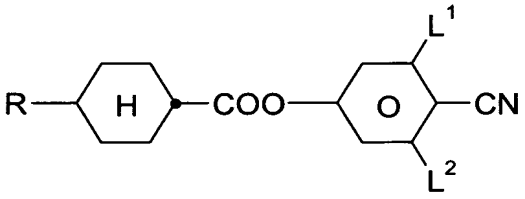

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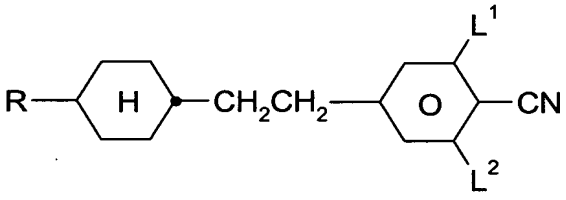

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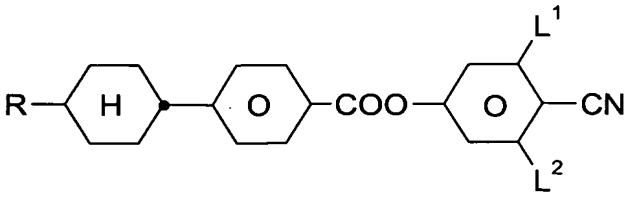

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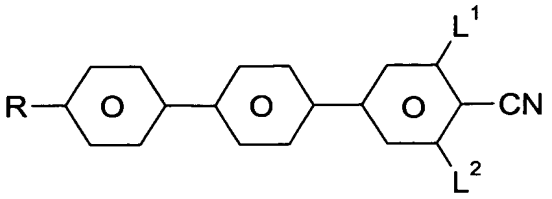

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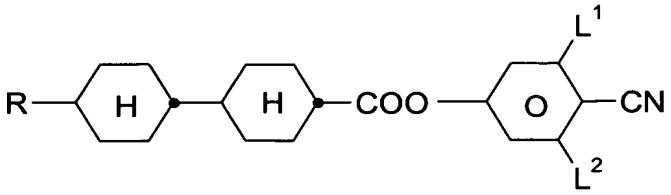


IIIh

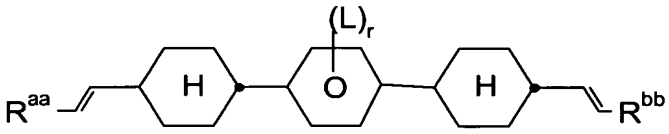
wherein

R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each , independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -CH=CH-, -CO-, -OCO- or -COO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another, and

L^1, L^2 and L^3 are independently of each other H or F.

21. (Cancelled):

22. (Currently Amended): A compound of the formula



wherein r is ~~0~~ 1, 2, 3 or 4, L is, in each occurrence independently, F, Cl, CN or an optionally mono- or polyhalogenated alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkenyloxy group having up to 3 carbon atoms, and R^{aa} and R^{bb} are each CH_3.

23. (Previously Presented): The compound of the formula

24. (Currently Amended): An electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a ~~liquid-crystalline~~ compound according to claim 21.

25. (Cancelled):

26. (Previously Presented): An electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid-crystalline compound according to claim 23.

27. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein R^a is vinyl, prop-1-enyl, prop-2-enyl, but-1-enyl, but-2-enyl, but-3-enyl, pent-1-enyl, pent-2-enyl, pent-3-enyl or pent-4-enyl.

28. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein R^b is vinyl, prop-1-enyl, prop-2-enyl, but-1-enyl, but-2-enyl, but-3-enyl, pent-1-enyl, pent-2-enyl, pent-3-enyl or pent-4-enyl.

29. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 27, wherein R^b is vinyl, prop-1-enyl, prop-2-enyl, but-1-enyl, but-2-enyl, but-3-enyl, pent-1-enyl, pent-2-enyl, pent-3-enyl or pent-4-enyl.

30. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein at least one of R^a and R^b is hex-1-enyl, hex-2-enyl, hex-3-enyl, hex-4-enyl, hex-5-enyl, hept-1-enyl, hept-2-enyl, hept-3-enyl, hept-4-enyl, hept-5-enyl, hept-6-enyl, oct-1-enyl, oct-2-enyl, oct-3-enyl, oct-4-enyl, oct-5-enyl, oct-6-enyl, oct-7-enyl, non-1-enyl, non-2-enyl, non-3-enyl, non-4-enyl, non-5-enyl, non-6-enyl, non-7-enyl or non-8-enyl.

31. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1,

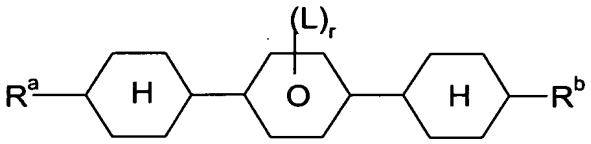
wherein at least one of R^a and R^b is 1E-propenyl, 1E-butenyl, 1E-pentenyl, 1E-hexenyl, 1E-heptenyl, 3-butenyl, 3E-pentenyl, 3E-hexenyl, 3E-heptenyl, 4-pentenyl, 4Z-hexenyl, 4E-hexenyl, 4Z-heptenyl, 5-hexenyl, or 6-heptenyl.

32. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 13, wherein L is F, Cl, CN, CF_3, or OCF_3.

33. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 13, wherein R^b is alkenyl with 2 to 9 carbon atoms.

34. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 32, wherein R^b is alkenyl with 2 to 9 carbon atoms.

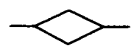
35. (Previously Presented): A liquid-crystalline medium, comprising two or more liquid crystal compounds wherein at least one compound is of formula I



I

wherein

R^a is an alkenyl group having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms,

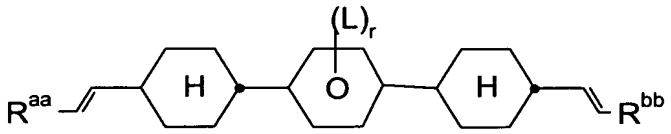
R^b is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, and wherein one or more CH_2 groups are each, independently of one another, optionally replaced by -O-, -S-,  , -CH=CH-, -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

L is, in each occurrence independently, F, Cl, CN or an optionally mono- or polyhalogenated alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkenyloxy group having up to 3 carbon atoms, and

r is 2; and

wherein the phenyl ring is substituted by L in 3- and 5-position.

36. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium comprises at least one compound of formula I selected from the following formulae



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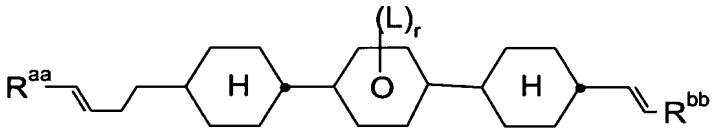

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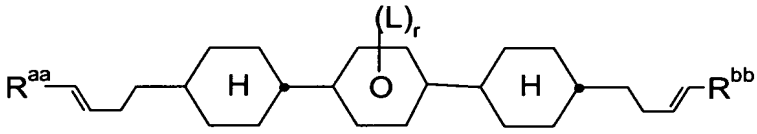

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wherein R^{aa} and R^{bb} are independently of each other H, CH_3, C_2H_5 or n-C_3H_7.